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I would suggest that, as a matter of judicial economy, the court's review of qualifications might be limited to cases of significant complexity or with potentially severe outcomes. E.g., cases with a possible sentence of life without, cases involving sophisticated planning or complex financial issues, etc..

Additionally, in light of the recent Grant County fiasco, the courts would do better to review the case load for appointed counsel to see if the attorney already has too much on his plate and might not be able to provide adequate assistance of counsel. There is already a well-justified public perception of appointed counsel being severely overloaded with more cases than can be effectively defended, and not all attorneys will be comfortable admitting to such a case load without inquiry from the court.

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